
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE MILE SQUARE REGIONAL PARK EXPANSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 8, 2021, County of Orange, OC Parks, acting as Lead Agency, issued for public review and comment a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that evaluates potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Mile Square Regional Park (MISQ) Master Plan (proposed project).

The 45-day public comment period will commence on April 8, 2021 and conclude on May 24, 2021. The Draft EIR is available for review on the County's website at either of the following links:

<https://www.ocparks.com/parks/mile/expansion>

<https://ocds.ocpublicworks.com/service-areas/oc-development-services/planning-development/current-projects/1st-district/mile>

Copies of the Draft EIR can be made available by request by contacting Natalia Gaerlan at (949) 923-3759.

OC Parks is soliciting the input of interested persons, organizations, groups, and public agencies on the content of the MISQ Master Plan EIR. In accordance with CEQA, agencies are requested to provide their comments on environmental issues related to the statutory responsibilities of the agency. Any interested individuals or entities can provide written comments on the Draft EIR during the 45-day review period from April 8, 2021 through May 24, 2021. The project site is not on a list enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code. This project has no significant and unavoidable environmental effects.

Written comments on the Draft EIR should be addressed to: OC Parks/Planning & Design Division, 13042 Old Myford Road, Irvine, CA 92602 and can also be submitted electronically to the following email address: milesquareexpansion@ocparks.com

Following the public review period for the Draft EIR, responses to all public and public agency comments received will be prepared and the project will be scheduled for a noticed public hearing before the Orange County Board of Supervisors. No public meetings or hearings have been scheduled at this time.

Project Location: Mile Square is a 607-acre urban park located in north Orange County in the City of Fountain Valley. The site is generally located west of Euclid Street, to the east of Brookhurst Street and to the north and south of Warner and Edinger, respectively. Within the Mile Square boundaries are three regulation golf courses and the Fountain Valley Sports Park which make up 421 acres in the western portion of Mile Square. In addition, MISQ is 186 acres of regional park amenities that makes up the eastern portion of Mile Square.

The proposed project site encompasses 93 acres of the existing Mile Square Golf Course and the 186 acres of existing MISQ located in the eastern portion of Mile Square. The proposed project would integrate the existing 93-acre Mile Square Golf Course parcel, which currently holds a lease from OC Parks to operate, with the regional park facilities as well as complete additional improvements within the eastern portion of the existing MISQ.

Project Description: The proposed project involves improvements outlined in the MISQ Master Plan which includes the addition of 93 acres from the Mile Square Golf Course parcel to the existing MISQ regional park facilities. MISQ is a fully developed, multi-use facility with many existing resources. The transition of the golf course



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into regional park amenities within MISQ will build on the park's existing resources, amenities and programs that are enjoyed by the public. Additional improvements will also be made within the existing portion of MISQ. The MISQ Master Plan identifies multi-modal circulation improvements, specific programming opportunities, areas for ecological restoration and other recreational improvements that focus on expanding the park's recreational value and open space preservation. Buildout of the proposed project would be developed in phases that allow for appropriate investment and sustainable management of the new park amenities.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: The Draft EIR identifies that the proposed project would result in no impact or less than significant impacts in the following environmental impact categories: aesthetics; air quality; energy; greenhouse gas emissions; land use and planning; public services; recreation; utilities; and wildfire. Standard conditions of approval have also been identified in the Draft EIR to ensure impacts related to hydrology and water quality and tribal cultural resources remain less than significant.

In addition, with the incorporation of mitigation measures identified in the Draft EIR, the potentially significant impacts of the proposed project in the following categories would be reduced below a level of significance: biological resources; cultural resources; geology, soils, and paleontological resources; hazards and hazardous materials; and noise. No significant and unmitigable impacts have been identified in the Draft EIR.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Natalia Gaerlan at (949) 923-3759. Submit written comments to the following email address: milesquareexpansion@ocparks.com. The mailing address is OC Parks/Planning & Design Division, 13042 Old Myford Road, Irvine, CA 92602.

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